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Gov. Schwarzenegger Signs Legislation to Help National Guard Members Gain State Employment

Governor Schwarzenegger today announced that he has signed legislation that will give California National Guard (CNG) members, and their families in some cases, a preference when applying for state civil service jobs.

"Our brave men and women in the military are incredible and we owe them our deepest gratitude for taking extraordinary risks and making tremendous sacrifices in defense of our country's freedom and democracy," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "This legislation will help our National Guard members continue their career serving others by becoming a California state employee."

The Governor signed [Assembly Bill 2550](#) by Assemblymember Blakeslee (R-San Luis Obispo) which allows for qualified CNG members or their surviving spouse to be eligible for "preference points" when applying for state civil service employment without separating or being discharged from the National Guard. This bill gives members returning from federal active duty the same opportunities provided to veterans who have similarly served their state and country during difficult times.

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